GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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NEW PROJECTS OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the projects proposed to be taken up in the coal sector during tenth and eleventh five year plans;

(b) the stages at which these projects are pending ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to clear these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): 99 coal projects are proposed to be taken up by Coal India Limited (CIL) during X Plan, out of which 64 projects will contribute production during X Plan and remaining 35 will contribute during XI Plan. Coal India is making efforts to further increase the production to 512 million tonnes by 2011- 12 through augmentation of production from:

a) Some of the existing mine /ongoing project,
b) Increase production from some of the X Plan projects and
c) Additional production from some of the identified XI Plan projects.

(b): 28 coal projects of X Plan , costing Rs.100 crores and above are required to be approved by the Government.

The number of projects pending at various stages are as under:-

Total number of X Plan projects	28
Projects approved by Government	1
Projects at different stages of Government appraisal/approval	16
Project proposal yet to be sent to Government by the coal company	11

(c): In order to expedite the Government approval of major projects, costing Rs.100 crores and above, following steps have been initiated.

1. Ministry of Coal has directed for submission of project reports of projects costing Rs.100 crores & above to the Ministry after approval of subsidiary coal company boards without processing these through the empowered sub-committee of CIL Board and CIL board to reduce processing time.

2. Secretary (Coal) is reviewing the status of the major projects every month apart from the scheduled quarterly review meeting held regularly alongwith CMDs of the companies, representatives of CIL, Planning Commission, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Department of Expenditure.

3. Secretary (Coal) is pursuing the matter of Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Forests land clearance with Secretary Environment and Forests regularly for expediting clearance. Representative of concerned subsidiary coal company and Chief General Manager (Environmental), CIL as Nodal Officer, is pursuing the matter at every step for an early approval of EMP and Forestry within a time schedule framed by the subsidiary companies.

4. Subsidiary coal companies are also following up at the district level with district level officials.